

What is claimed is:

1. A method of performing a test, comprising:  
2. performing a first test with a first test system;  
3. performing a second test with a second test system:  
4. in each of the first and second test systems, receiving plural parameters;

5 and

6. in each of the first and second test systems, identifying a file name of a  
7. data file to use in each of the first and second tests based on the plural parameters.

1. 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising performing at least another test  
2. with at least another test system using the data file.

1. 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising, in each of the first and second  
2. test systems, accessing a storage system over a network to find a file name containing  
3. strings in each of the plural parameters.

1. 4. The method of claim 3, wherein accessing the storage system comprises  
2. accessing the storage system to find a file name containing a concatenation of the strings.

1. 5. The method of claim 1, wherein each of the tests is performed on a  
2. database, and wherein one of the parameters represents the database.

1. 6. A method of performing a test, comprising:  
2. receiving a first value;  
3. receiving a second value representing a database to perform a test on; and  
4. combining the first value and the second value to generate a file name of a  
5. test file to use in the test.

1           7.     The method of claim 6, wherein receiving the test value comprises  
2 receiving a predetermined string, the predetermined string being part of the file name of  
3 the test file.

1           8.     The method of claim 6, further comprising performing the test using a test  
2 module and invoking a routine, from the test module, to generate the file name of the test  
3 file.

1           9.     The method of claim 8, further comprising executing the test module in a  
2 test system.

1           10.    The method of claim 9, further comprising the test module performing a  
2 test on the database coupled over a network.

1           11.    The method of claim 6, further comprising performing the test using a first  
2 test system, wherein the receiving and combining acts are performed in the first test  
3 system.

1           12.    The method of claim 11, further comprising, in a second system:  
2            receiving the first value;  
3            receiving the second value representing the database;  
4            combining the first value and the second value to generate the file name of  
5 the test file; and  
6            performing another test on the database using the test file.

1           13.    The method of claim 12, wherein the first test system performs a first type  
2 of test and the second test system performs a second type of test.

1           14. A test system comprising:  
2                   an interface to a network coupled to a storage unit containing a data file  
3                   for use in a test;  
4                   a control unit;  
5                   a routine executable on the control unit to receive a first parameter and a  
6                   second parameter and to combine the first and second parameters to form a string,  
7                   the routine to identify a file name of the data file based on the string.

1           15. The test system of claim 14, further comprising a test module executable  
2           on the control unit to perform the test.

1           16. The test system of claim 15, wherein the routine is invocable by the test  
2           module.

1           17. The test system of claim 14, wherein the routine is executable to access the  
2           storage unit and to search file names on the storage unit for a file name containing the  
3           string.

1           18. The test system of claim 14, further comprising a test module is executable  
2           on the control unit to perform a test of a database coupled to the network, the second  
3           parameter representing the database.

1           19. The test system of claim 18, wherein the test module is executable to pass  
2           the first and second parameters to the routine.

1           20. The test system of claim 19, wherein the routine is executable to prompt a  
2           user for one or both of the first and second parameters if not passed by the test module.

1           21. The test system of claim 20, wherein the routine is executable to set a file  
2           name of a default data file if not received from the test module or the user.

1           22. An article comprising at least one storage medium containing instructions  
2 that when executed cause a system to:  
3                   combine a first parameter and a second parameter to form a string;  
4                   access a storage unit over a network, the storage unit containing plural data  
5 files; and  
6                   identify one of the data files based on the string to for using in a test  
7 procedure.

1           23. A method of performing a test, comprising:  
2                   receiving a first parameter containing a predetermined value;  
3                   receiving a second parameter representing a database to perform a test on;  
4                   concatenating the first parameter and the second parameter to generate a  
5 string that is at least a portion of a file name; and  
6                   searching a predetermined directory on a device to find a test file  
7 containing the string.

1           24. The method of claim 23, further comprising accessing the device over a  
2 network to search the predetermined directory.

1           25. The method of claim 23, further comprising:  
2                   prompting a user for a value of the first parameter; and  
3                   setting a default value for the first parameter if the first parameter value is  
4 not received from the user.

1           26. The method of claim 25, further comprising:  
2                   prompting the user for a value of the second parameter; and  
3                   setting a default value for the second parameter if the second parameter  
4 value is not received from the user.

1           27. A system comprising:  
2                   an interface to a network coupled to a storage unit containing a directory  
3                   of data files;  
4                   a control unit;  
5                   a routine executable on the control unit to receive a first parameter and a  
6                   second parameter and to concatenate the first and second parameters to form a string, the  
7                   first parameter containing a predetermined value, and the second parameter representing a  
8                   database to perform a test on,  
9                   the routine executable to search the directory to find a file name of one of  
10                  the data files that contains the string and to set the one data file as the data file to use for  
11                  the test; and  
12                   a test module executable on the control unit to perform the test.

1           28. A method of performing tests, comprising:  
2                   receiving a predetermined common parameter;  
3                   receiving a second parameter representing a database to perform a test on;  
4                   concatenating the common parameter and the second parameter to  
5                   generate a string that is at least a portion of a file name; and  
6                   searching a predetermined directory on a device to find a test file  
7                   containing the string,  
8                   wherein receiving the common parameter, receiving the second parameter,  
9                   concatenating the common parameter and the second parameter, and searching the  
10                  predetermined directory is performed in each of plural test systems.